I beg further to report that Messrs. N. Subramonia Iyer and A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai, appointed Official Members of the Council, take their seats to-day.

THE PRISONS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. J. Vieyra.—Sir, I beg to apply for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Prisons Regulation, I of 1071. The amendment is with respect to Section 5 of the Regulation, dealing with the constitution of the Central Prison.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE REGISTRATION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—Sir, I desire to obtain leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the Registration Regulation, I of 1070, at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT LOANS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. J. Vieyra.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Agricultural Improvement Loans Regulation Amendment Bill. The Bill consists of only one section. No notice of any amendment has been received and I trust there is no need for discussion, as the principle of the Bill has been already affirmed. I beg to propose that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Mr. M. Udaya Varma Raja said that he had no amendments to propose but that he wished to bring to the notice of the Council his views embodied in the Note appended to the Report of the Select Committee.

THE VAKILS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Vakils Regulation Amendment Bill and to move that it be taken up for consideration at once.

Seconded by Mr. A. J. Vieyra.

Carried.

As the Council approved of the draft Bill, Mr. Muthunayagom Pillai moved that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE PUBLIC GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—Sir, in presenting the Select Committee's Report on the Public Gambling Regulation Amendment Bill, I beg to move that it be taken up for consideration at once.

Seconded by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Section 2.

Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.—I beg to propose that the word 'or' between the words 'wager' and 'stake' in Section 3 of the Public Gambling Regulation be

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omitted. It is purely a verbal amendment, necessitated by the addition of the words 'or otherwise' to the word 'stake' as it stood in the original Regulation.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—I second the amendment. I wish to have noted that the words 'or otherwise' introduced by the draft Bill are very necessary and they are borrowed from the corresponding Section 5 of the Bombay Gambling Act, IV of 1887.

Carried.

Mr. Muthunayagom Pillai then moved that the Bill be adjourned for final reading at a future meeting of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE GOVERNMENT LAND CONSERVANCY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.—Sir, the Select Committee's Report on the Government Land Conservancy Regulation Amendment Bill has been published in the Gazette and copies thereof circulated among the Members. I beg to move that it may be taken as read.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.

Carried.

Section 2.

Mr. Muthunayagom Pillai.—The words 'intended for public use' are, it seems to me, too wide. To bring particular lands within the operation of the Regulation, I think something more than mere *intention* is necessary. Further, the amendment, as it now stands, includes assessed as well as unassessed lands. To regard interferences with assessed lands by their registered owners as wrongful acts under this law will be a curtailment of their rights, in a manner, incompatible with their obligation to pay the assessment thereon. In the case of Government lands, only those that are unassessed come within the definition of 'Poramboke.' I therefore propose that Section 2 of the Bill be recast as follows:—

"The provisions of this Regulation shall also *mutatis mutandis* apply to all unassessed Sripadom lands and unassessed lands within the limits of private estates and Edavagais, if they are used or reserved for public purposes and are maintained by Government."

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramonia Iyer.

Carried.

Section 3.

President.—This Section does not appear to be properly worded.

Mr. A. J. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that the following be substituted for Section 3 of the Bill:—

"nor land of the description referred to in Section 15 A."

Seconded by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that the word 'further' in the second proviso to Section 5 of the Regulation be omitted, as it is rendered unnecessary by the omission of the first proviso to the same Section.

Seconded by Mr. A. M. Muthunayagom Pillai.

Carried.

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